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In that capacity, Ms. Herrera drives model legislation, conducts research, builds coalition support, and heightens media awareness in support of free-market health care policy. During the 2005 session, sixteen states enacted model legislation drafted by ALEC's Health and Human Services Task Force.

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Ms. Herrera has testified before the Oklahoma, Michigan, and Wisconsin legislatures, and her work has appeared in *The Washington Times*, *Congress Daily*, and *Health Care News*. She holds a B.S. in communication studies and an M.S. in political science from Florida State University.